

**Chicago Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners Public Session
April 17, 2012
Apartamentos Las Americas – 1611 S. Racine**

	Name	Question/Comment	Response
1	Francine Washington	I have two sons, one just got his masters and one is a teacher. I want to know, why when you go to these meetings, you don't side with residents? It seems like you never defend the residents, we aren't all bad. I will take a drug test any day - I am tired of you bailing out developers who do drugs themselves - when residents have to take drug tests.	Thank you for your comment.
2	Mark Carter	1) This is in response to the report from the Urban Institute. We had a conference call with [people in] Washington yesterday and violence was one of the things discussed. Because of CHAs incompetence, we are trying to push this down the president's throat, and make him deal with you, it's clear that you don't care. 2) The findings said that CHA in and of itself hired 203 people in 2010, and one hire was a CHA resident. The contracts were not given to Section 3 businesses in 2010. When it comes to contracts and the fund, you are not in compliance.	1) Over the past decade, crime in Chicago has diminished significantly, with the demolition of public housing high-rises accelerating this decrease, according to the Urban Institute study. The CHA is preparing to embark on a Plan for Transformation 2.0. The CHA will utilize this crime study as well as other research to formulate policies which build on successes as well as address the challenges highlighted by the Urban Institute. 2) Discussions are ongoing between CHA and HUD on this issue.
3	Charles Price	1) I am appalled at the comments that are made and your replies. You say Section 3 hires are not implied on race. I never said race was the problem. I said that he [Friedler Construction] didn't hire residents. You are supposed to look out for residents. This guy comes in and he's allowed to get away with it, and all you do is slap him on the hand. 2) Commissioner Ponce, I hear you at Cabrini say it needs to be torn down, and all we have at Cabrini is trespassing. You want to destroy a black neighborhood, and you don't care about the violence in the Hispanic neighborhood.	1) For this contract, Friedler Construction had a commitment of 14 Section 3 hires. Friedler exceeded this commitment with a total of 26 Section 3 hires. Of these 26 Section 3 hires, 12 were CHA residents. 2) A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is currently being prepared by the working group for the redevelopment of William Green Homes, Cabrini Extension South and the Cabrini Green Rowhouse sites. Developing a consensus among a diversity of opinions is a time intensive process that CHA takes seriously. Furthermore, the CHA will continue to seek input from all members of the working group for consideration prior to rendering any decisions.

4	William Lawrence Scott	I am here as a senior who lived at a CHA property for seven years and I have since moved to a HUD property. I was able to find a new property, yet my concerns for the residents are still here, which is why I take time from my schedule. I am pleased to inform the Board that I appreciated the first meeting. Today I met Mr. Otis Wright, and my concern is senior services and its connection with services in the community. I am looking forward to that relationship.	Thank you for your comment.
5	Dennis O'Neil	I am here to talk about the Plan for Transformation. There was supposed to be hope along with mixed income communities. The way to do this is through education. Smith School and Washington Irving are in our community. Mr. Woodyard, you mentioned the grant [Choice], we have a unique opportunity to do that in our community as well, but we need collaboration between CPS and CHA. This community has often been marginalized. Mayor Emanuel has a goal to make this an international city, we can't be an international city when we have this violence and a two tiered school system. Our neighborhood can be a model, we hope you look to that community as the model.	Education is an important component in our planning for Plan for Transformation 2.0. CHA will continue to support the Chicago Public Schools, including Smyth School, where a CHA staff person sits on the Advisory Board, to ensure that we are working together to meet the needs of resident families and their school aged children.
6	John Murphy	I am here to speak about the recalibration of the Plan for Transformation, which is the basis of my concern. It is admirable you seem to be interested in public input but I am disappointed with how this has unfolded, and how the design has been developed. I've been to the website and I've seen the ideas, which is tough to navigate. You've had meetings with residents, but nobody who is on the wait list. No meeting with people who have vouchers and who want to return. How will you handle getting public input from people impacted, who are not residents.	In an effort to collect ideas from the general public (including individuals on CHA wait lists) CHA implemented an online idea forum (http://www.thecha.ideascale.com) to gather lessons learned as well as recommendations to shape the next phase of the Plan for Transformation. Through this medium, users could submit ideas, vote on existing ideas and add comments. The idea forum collected 88 individual ideas with 241 comments, 1,799 votes and 320 users.
7	Dennis Hood	I live in Lathrop, I'm from ABLA. I own Hood construction and I am here to promote resident owned businesses. Please include resident owned businesses in 2.0. I am here to ask you, I have a construction company and a few contracts, in order to help my people, please give us an opportunity.	Fundamental to the recalibration of the original Plan for Transformation, CHA is engaging a broad spectrum of stakeholders in an information and input process to help shape the next phase of the Plan. Part of this process has included four regional resident input sessions for all CHA public housing residents and HCV participants. During these four sessions, resident owned business stakeholders had an opportunity to provide input related to formulating the next phase of the Plan.

8	Martha Marshall	<p>1) I sat back and I heard one construction company getting \$46 million. There are several resident owned businesses that could participate. I want to ensure that company sells their work to residents.</p> <p>2) The building on Madison was rehabbed in 2003 and 2004 and I fought with CHA to tell them that the contractor was inferior and that contractor received over \$100 million. It's disturbing that we spend over 16 million in 2003 and have been working on that building ever since.</p> <p>3) 3916 W. Washington, I begged them to get infrastructure done, and they closed it about six years ago. We need oversight and there needs to be set aside for resident owned businesses.</p> <p>4) Also, we need to be involved in this political process, we have to be involved, the guy who is running now said he plans to close HUD, we need to be involved people.</p>	<p>1) We believe you are referring to three separate contracts between CHA and Old Veteran Construction. Although there are no Section 3 businesses working on these contracts, these three contracts made a combined commitment of 46 Section 3 hires.</p> <p>2) The building you are referencing on Madison is Sullivan Apartments. Since 2000, with the last contract in 2008, CHA has contracted with five separate vendors for a total of \$21,830,923.</p> <p>3) Parkview Apartments has been closed since 2007, due to flooding caused by collapsed plumbing. The CHA has conducted an open solicitation for Parkview redevelopment proposals. The CHA is in the process of evaluating these proposals.</p> <p>4) Thank you for your comment.</p>
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